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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

The assertion by USTelecom that competition in UNE markets is virtually non-existent is false. I was unable to connect to my old ISP at any rate above 184 KB/s over my phone line DSL service. My new ISP delivers my service via UNE-based connections, and using the same external phone line now delivers over 1,000KB/s. Sounds like competition in the internet delivery-speed market to me. I discovered this during a trial month of their phone/internet bundle delivered over copper to my building. Even after the trial period ends, I'll STILL be paying 15% less for the two services than if I had kept separate providers for phone and internet. Sounds like competition for my phone service to me. So why would faster service and lower prices for UNE-based service NOT be competition in the eyes of the FCC? I AM here, and using services, after all. I switched because of a better deal and better services. Still sounds like competition to me! So, competition DOES still exist in the UNE-based markets for those of who cannot afford twice the price for similar service from the telecoms. Which is why USTelecom had proposed their falsehood as truth - to eliminate true and actual competition.

Please disregard this misstatement of theirs, at least, when making your determination.

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